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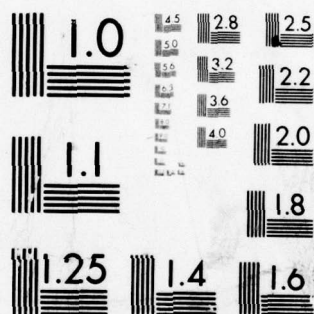
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### INTRODUCTION

The scattering of plane compressional (P) or shear (S) waves by cavities or inclusions in an unbounded elastic solid medium has been investigated by a number of authors<sup>1-15</sup>. For example, the scattering from cylindrical obstacles has been studied for the case of empty<sup>1</sup> or fluid-filled<sup>2-4</sup> cavities, for both incident P and S waves. Scattering from ellipsoidal solid inclusions has been analyzed for P and S waves<sup>5</sup>. Spherical obstacles have been the object of numerous investigations: e.g., for empty spherical cavities, the scattering of P waves has been dealt with for the steady-state<sup>6</sup> and the transient case<sup>7</sup>. Scattering from fluid-filled spherical cavities was considered for incident P waves<sup>8-10</sup> as well as S waves<sup>11,12</sup>. An extensive review of the literature on elastic-wave scattering from cavities and inclusions is given in Reference 10.

For the case of scattering from solid elastic spherical inclusions, the literature contains numerical studies of scattering cross sections for incident P waves<sup>13</sup> and S waves<sup>14</sup>,

based on the corresponding preceding theoretical work<sup>15,11</sup>. When plotting the cross sections against a dimensionless frequency variable, the authors of these studies noticed in many cases a "peaking and fluctuating" or "oscillatory behavior" of the plots, "suggesting that some type of resonance process is in effect". No detailed analysis of the resonance phenomena had been attempted at that time, however.

The present work devotes itself to such an analysis, using the recent theory of acoustic resonance scattering due to Flax, Dragonette and Überall<sup>16</sup>. This analysis is carried out for the case of plane compressional waves incident on spherical elastic inclusions imbedded in an unbounded elastic solid medium.

(Note that a resonance study of scattering has been performed for cylindrical<sup>3,4</sup> and spherical fluid-filled cavities<sup>9,10,12,17</sup>).

A similar analysis is now being carried out by us for shear waves incident on spherical elastic inclusions. Our resonance theory separates the individual ("partial wave") mode contributions into a non-resonant "geometrical" background term, and into a resonant term due to the vibrations of the inclusion. The resonant term is small off resonance, but is significant and interferes with the background at and near the resonance. The position in frequency of the resonances can be determined by solving a corresponding eigenvalue equation, which for the case of non-absorbing media is a real equation with real solutions.

We analyze numerically the cases where the scatterer is (a) a lucite sphere, and (b) an iron sphere, both imbedded in an aluminum matrix. These materials were chosen in order to provide a contrast in the corresponding background terms [approximately given by that of (a) an empty cavity, or (b) a rigid inclusion]. The resonances are obtained numerically, and are interpreted in terms of phase-matched circumferential waves. Dispersion curves for the latter are obtained, exhibiting two families of waves of different type. The connection of these surface waves with the Stoneley waves on the boundary between two flat half-spaces is noted in the high-frequency limit.

## I. THEORY

The center of an elastic sphere of radius  $a$  is taken as the origin of a spherical coordinate system  $(r, \vartheta, \varphi)$ . The longitudinal and shear speeds, and the density, are designated by  $c_L$ ,  $c_S$  and  $\rho$ , respectively, for the elastic matrix in which the obstacle is imbedded, and by  $v_L$ ,  $v_S$  and  $\rho_q$  for the spherical obstacle itself.

The displacement vector  $\vec{u}$  in either elastic material can be expressed in terms of two displacement potentials  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ , i. e

$$\vec{u} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\Psi} \quad (1)$$



where  $\Phi$  is the scalar potential and  $\vec{\Psi}$  the vector potential. Each potential satisfies a scalar wave equation. For the incident wave, we take as its solution a plane harmonic longitudinal wave propagating in the direction of the  $z$  - axis, with wave number  $k_L$  and circular frequency  $\omega$ . This wave is given by

$\Phi_i = \exp i(\omega t - k_L z)$  which can be expanded in spherical coordinates as

$$\Phi_i = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) (-i)^n j_n(k_L r) P_n(\cos \vartheta). \quad (2)$$

As a result of the scattering and mode conversion processes, there are both longitudinal and shear-type scattered waves, i.e.

$$\Phi_s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) (-i)^n A_n h_n^{(2)}(k_L r) P_n(\cos \vartheta) \quad (3a)$$

(longitudinal), and

$$\Psi_s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) (-i)^n B_n h_n^{(2)}(k_s r) P_n^1(\cos \vartheta) \quad (3b)$$

(shear), where by  $\Psi_s$  we designate the  $\varphi$ -component of  $\vec{\Psi}_s$  which is the only nonvanishing one. The wave numbers are here  $k_L = \omega/c_L$  and  $k_s = \omega/c_s$ ;  $h_n^{(2)} \equiv j_n - iy_n$  are Hankel functions of the second kind, and  $P_n, P_n^1$  are the ordinary and associated Legendre polynomials. The undetermined coefficients  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  have to be determined from the boundary conditions at  $r = a$ .

Inside the scatterer, the refracted waves (labeled by a subscript  $q$ ) are represented by

$$\Phi_q = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) (-i)^n C_n j_n(q_L r) P_n(\cos \theta) \quad (4a)$$

and

$$\Psi_q = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) (-i)^n D_n j_n(q_S r) P_n^1(\cos \theta), \quad (4b)$$

where the wave numbers are  $q_L = \omega/v_L$  and  $q_S = \omega/v_S$ .

There are four separate boundary conditions that must be satisfied by the solution to this problem. These conditions are prescribed at the interface  $r = a$  between the sphere and the matrix; they are: continuity of (i) normal (radial) and (ii) tangential displacements, and continuity of (iii) normal and (iv) tangential stresses. These are sufficient to specify the four sets of unknown coefficients  $A_n$ ,  $B_n$ ,  $C_n$  and  $D_n$ . Details of setting up these boundary conditions are given in the literature<sup>18</sup> and we shall here simply state the results.

The coefficients of the scattered waves are given as the quotients of two fourth-order determinants of the form

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{34} & a_{35} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{44} & a_{45} \end{vmatrix} \quad (5a)$$

and

$$B_n = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{15} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{25} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{35} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{45} \end{vmatrix} \quad (5b)$$

where the denominator is

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix} \quad (5c)$$

The twenty different elements contained therein are found to be

$$a_{11} = \frac{\rho_q}{\rho} \frac{1}{1+2\xi_q} \left[ j_n(Q_L) + 2\xi_q j_n''(Q_L) \right]$$

$$a_{12} = -2 \frac{\rho_q}{\rho} \frac{n(n+1)}{Q_s^2} \left[ Q_s j_n'(Q_s) - j_n(Q_s) \right]$$

$$a_{13} = \frac{1}{1+2\xi} \left[ h_n^{(2)}(Z_L) - 2\xi h_n^{(2)''}(Z_L) \right] \quad (6a)$$

$$a_{14} = -2 \frac{n(n+1)}{Z_s^2} \left[ Z_s h_n^{(2)'}(Z_s) - h_n^{(2)}(Z_s) \right]$$



$$a_{15} = \frac{1}{1+2\xi} [j_n(z_L) - 2\xi j_n''(z_L)]$$

(from the continuity of normal stresses  $\tau_{rr}$ ),

$$a_{21} = Q_L j_n'(Q_L)$$

$$a_{22} = n(n+1) j_n(Q_S)$$

$$a_{23} = Z_L h_n^{(2)'}(Z_L) \quad (6b)$$

$$a_{24} = n(n+1) h_n^{(2)}(Z_S)$$

$$a_{25} = Z_L j_n'(Z_L)$$

(from the continuity of normal displacements  $u_{rr}$ ),

$$a_{31} = 2\eta [Q_L j_n'(Q_L) - j_n(Q_L)]$$

$$a_{32} = \eta [Q_S^2 j_n''(Q_S) + (n+2)(n-1) j_n(Q_S)]$$

$$a_{33} = 2 [Z_L h_n^{(2)'}(Z_L) - h_n^{(2)}(Z_L)] \quad (6c)$$

$$a_{34} = Z_S^2 h_n^{(2)''}(Z_S) + (n+2)(n-1) h_n^{(2)}(Z_S)$$

$$a_{35} = 2 [Z_L j_n'(Z_L) - j_n(Z_L)]$$

(from the continuity of tangential stresses  $\tau_{r\theta}$ ), and

$$a_{41} = j_n(Q_L)$$

$$a_{42} = Q_S j_n'(Q_S) + j_n(Q_S)$$

$$a_{43} = h_n^{(2)}(Z_L)$$

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$$a_{44} = Z_S h_n^{(2)'}(Z_S) + h_n^{(2)}(Z_S)$$

$$a_{45} = j_n(Z_S)$$

(from the continuity of tangential displacements  $u_\theta$ ).

Here,  $Z_L = k_L a$ ,  $Z_S = k_S a$ ,  $Q_L = q_L a$ ,  $Q_S = q_S a$ ,

$\xi = \mu/\lambda$ ,  $\xi_2 = \mu_2/\lambda_2$ ,  $\eta = \mu_2/\mu$  where  $\lambda, \mu$  are

the Lamé constants of the matrix and  $\lambda_2, \mu_2$  those of the sphere, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_L &= [(\lambda + 2\mu)/\rho]^{1/2} \\ \tau_S &= (\mu/\rho)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (7a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_L &= [(\lambda_2 + 2\mu_2)/\rho_2]^{1/2} \\ v_S &= (\mu_2/\rho_2)^{1/2} . \end{aligned} \quad (7b)$$

This determines the coefficients of the scattered wave in terms of the incident amplitude.

The quantity of physical interest is here the differential scattering cross section as obtained, e.g., by Ying and Truett<sup>15</sup>. The time rate at which energy is carried away by the scattered wave across a sphere of radius  $R \rightarrow \infty$  is

$$\dot{F} = \int (\tau_{xr} u_x + \tau_{yr} u_y + \tau_{zr} u_z) R^2 d\Omega \quad (8a)$$

with real displacements  $u_i$  and stresses  $\tau_{ij}$ . With complex fields, and going over to spherical components, this gives

$$dF = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (\tau_{rr} u_r^* + \tau_{r\theta} u_\theta^*) R^2 d\Omega \quad (8b)$$

since there is no  $\varphi$ -dependence present. Using the well-known expressions for displacements and stresses in terms of the potentials  $\Phi$  and  $\vec{\Psi}$ , e.g. Eq. (1), and inserting the far-field expressions of Eqs. (3a) and (3b), we find



$$dF = \frac{1}{4} i d\Omega \rho \omega^2 \left\{ \left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n^{PP}(\vartheta) \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n^{PS}(\vartheta) \right|^2 \right\} \quad (9a)$$

where

$$\alpha^{-1/2} f_n^{PP}(\vartheta) = (2n+1) Z_L^{-1/2} A_n P_n(\cos \vartheta) \quad (9b)$$

$$\alpha^{-1/2} f_n^{PS}(\vartheta) = (2n+1) Z_S^{-1/2} B_n P_n^1(\cos \vartheta). \quad (9c)$$

The total cross section  $\sigma$  is obtained as the integrated flux  $F$ , normalized to the flux  $(i/2) \rho \omega^2 k_L$  of the incident wave, so that

$$\frac{\sigma}{\pi \alpha^2} = 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2n+1) \left\{ \left| \frac{A_n}{Z_L} \right|^2 + n(n+1) \frac{Z_S}{Z_L} \left| \frac{B_n}{Z_S} \right|^2 \right\}. \quad (10)$$

Note that for backscattering ( $\vartheta = \pi$ ) there is no contribution to the scattering amplitude from the outgoing shear waves

$$f_n^{PS}(\pi) \text{ since } P_n^1(-1) = 0.$$

## II. RESONANCE THEORY

The resonance theory of acoustic and elastic wave scattering has been described in detail in references 16 and 9, respectively, and shall only be sketched in the present context. Using the asymptotic forms of the Hankel functions, one obtains the far-field expressions of Eqs. (3) as

$$\Phi_S \sim (i/r)(k_L a)^{-1/2} e^{-i(k_L r - \omega t)} \sum_n a^{-1/2} f_n^{PP} \quad (11a)$$

$$\Psi_S \sim (i/r)(k_S a)^{-1/2} e^{-i(k_S r - \omega t)} \sum_n a^{-1/2} f_n^{PS} \quad (11b)$$

together with Eqs. (9b,c). Two S-matrix elements are introduced by

$$S_n^{PP} = 1 + 2A_n \quad (12a)$$

$$S_n^{PS} = 2B_n \quad (12b)$$

and we find

$$S_n^{PP} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \hat{a}_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \hat{a}_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \hat{a}_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & \hat{a}_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where  $\hat{a}_{i3}$  equals  $-a_{i3}$  but with  $h_n^{(2)}$  replaced by  $h_n^{(1)}$ .

It is advantageous to consider the limit of scattering from a "soft" (i.e. evacuated) spherical cavity. This is obtained by  $\rho_2 \rightarrow 0$  while  $v_L$  and  $v_S$  remain constant, so that  $\xi_2$  remains finite and  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ . (The "rigid" limit would be obtained by  $\rho_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ).

The corresponding "soft" S matrix element is thus

$$S_n^{(s)PP} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_{13} & a_{14} \\ \hat{a}_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix}} \quad (14)$$

In the resonance theory<sup>9,16</sup>, this expression is factored out of  $S_n^{PP}$  and we can write

$$S_n^{PP} = S_n^{(s)PP} \frac{\hat{G}_n}{G_n} = S_n^{(s)PP} \frac{\text{Re } \hat{G}_n + i \text{Im } \hat{G}_n}{\text{Re } G_n + i \text{Im } G_n} \quad (15a)$$

with

$$\hat{G}_n = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \hat{a}_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \hat{a}_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & \hat{a}_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & \hat{a}_{43} & a_{44} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_{13} & a_{14} \\ \hat{a}_{33} & a_{34} \end{vmatrix}}, \quad (15b)$$

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and  $G_n$  a similar expression without carets. The resonances in the scattering amplitude originate from the condition (representing a real eigenvalue equation):

$$\text{Re } G_n(\tilde{Z}_L) = 0, \quad (16)$$

which determines the eigenfrequencies  $Z_L = Z_L^{nr}$  labeled by  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . A linear expansion of  $G$  about  $Z_L^{nr}$  then brings  $S_n^{PP}$  into an explicit resonance form:

$$S_n^{PP} = S_n^{(s)PP} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_{nr}}{Z_L - Z_L^{nr} + i\Gamma_{nr}/2}, \quad (17a)$$

with a resonance width

$$\Gamma_{nr} = 2 \text{Im } G_n(Z_L^{nr}) / \text{Re } G_n'(Z_L^{nr}), \quad (17b)$$

and with

$$\mu_{nr} = \hat{G}_n / \text{Re } G_n'(Z_L^{nr}).. \quad (17c)$$

If Eq. (14) is written as

$$S_n^{(s)PP} = e^{2i\xi_n^{(s)}} \quad (18a)$$

with  $\xi_n^{(s)}$  complex,

then the quantity

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2} (S_n^{PP} - 1) \quad (18b)$$



which determines the scattered amplitude of Eq. (3a), becomes

$$\frac{1}{2}(S_n^{PP}-1) = \frac{1}{2} e^{2i\xi_n^{(s)}} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{M_{nr}^{(s)}}{Z_L - Z_L^{nr} + i\Gamma_{nr}/2} + 2ie^{-i\xi_n^{(s)}} \sin \xi_n^{(s)} \right], \quad (19a)$$

where

$$M_{nr}^{(s)} = (\hat{G}_n - G_n) / \text{Re } G_n' (Z_L^{nr}). \quad (19b)$$

This shows that the scattering amplitude consists of a non-resonant background term [the second term in brackets in Eq. (19a)] which is due to the scattering of P waves from a soft sphere, with a series of superimposed resonances (first term in brackets) which will interfere with the background amplitude. A corresponding expression may be derived for  $B_n$  of Eqs. (3b) and (12a), i.e. the mode-converted scattering amplitude:

$$\frac{1}{2} S_n^{PS} = \frac{1}{2} e^{2i\xi_n^{(s)}} \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{M}_{nr}^{(s)}}{Z_L - Z_L^{nr} + i\Gamma_{nr}/2} + 1 \right\}. \quad (19c)$$

Note that the resonance frequencies are here the same as in Eq. (19a) since the resonances are due to the vibrations of the same inclusion in both cases, independent of the resonance mechanism.

The expressions of Eqs. (19a), (19c) hold in the framework of the resonance approximation, valid if the width of the resonances is small compared to their spacing. However, the actual numerical calculations to be discussed below have all been carried out using the exact expressions Eqs. (5).

### III. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Scattering amplitudes have been evaluated numerically for the cases of (a) a lucite sphere, and (b) an iron sphere, both imbedded in an aluminum matrix. The material parameters of these substances (assumed non-absorptive) are listed in Table I.

In Fig. 1a, we plot for case (a), lucite in aluminum, the amplitude moduli  $\alpha^{-1/2} |f_n^{PP}| / P_n(\omega; \nu)$  of Eq. (9b) vs.  $k_L a \equiv Z_L$

of aluminum, for the partial waves  $n = 0, 1$  and  $2$ . Similarly,



Fig. 1b shows the quantity  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PS}| / P_n^1(\cos \vartheta)$  of Eq. (9c), i.e. the mode-converted scattering amplitude. In both cases, the interference pattern of the resonances of the lucite sphere with a non-resonant background is clearly visible. Due to the much smaller impedances of the lucite sphere  $(\rho_2 v_L, \rho_2 v_S)$  as compared to those of the aluminum matrix  $(\rho \mathcal{C}_L, \rho \mathcal{C}_S)$ , it is expected that the background resembles closely that of scattering from an empty cavity in aluminum. We therefore plot in Figs. 2a and 2b the quantities  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PP} - f_n^{(S)PP}| / P_n$  and  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PS} - f_n^{(S)PS}| / P_n^1$ , respectively, where the "soft" background amplitudes  $f_n^{(S)PP}$  or  $f_n^{(S)PS}$ , obtained from Eqs. (9b), (9c) in the limit  $\rho_2 \rightarrow 0$ , were subtracted out from the total partial-wave amplitudes. Indeed, the pure resonances of the cavity contents appear to have been made visible in this way. The resonance frequencies are the same in both cases, but it is seen that two families of resonances are present, and only one of these is being excited in  $P \rightarrow P$  scattering while both families are excited in  $P \rightarrow S$  scattering.

Similar numerical results are shown for case (b), iron in aluminum, where the  $n = 0, 1$  and  $2$  partial wave scattering amplitude moduli are shown for  $P \rightarrow P$  scattering in Fig. 3a, and for  $P \rightarrow S$  scattering in Fig. 3b. Due to the density of the

inclusion being larger than that of the matrix, the background is now expected to correspond to scattering from a rigid sphere ( $\rho/\rho_2 \rightarrow 0$ ). In fact if this background is subtracted from  $f_n^{PP}$  or  $f_n^{RS}$  and the modulus is taken subsequently, Figs. 4a ( $P \rightarrow P$  scattering) and 4b ( $P \rightarrow S$  scattering) indicate that the pure resonance amplitudes are indeed obtained in this way.

(The resonance formulation with a rigid background is similar to that for the soft background given in Section II, see, e.g. references 9 and 16).

From Figs. 2 and 4, the resonance frequencies for cases (a) and (b) may be read off and tabulated. They may serve to obtain the dispersion curves of circumferential waves propagating over the surface of the inclusion, which have been shown to be generated during the scattering process, and to provide an interpretation for the existence of the resonances<sup>10,19</sup>.

The resonance frequencies  $Z_L^{nr}$  in the resonance expression for the S - matrix, Eq. (17a), are functions of the mode number  $n$  which we now consider a continuous variable. We may expand  $Z_L^{nr}$  in the  $n$ - variable about the value  $n = n_r$ , chosen so that  $Z_L^{n_r r} = Z_L$  (the incident frequency):

$$Z_L^{nr} = Z_L^{n_r r} + (n - n_r) \left( dZ_L^{nr} / dn \right)_{n=n_r} . \quad (20)$$

Inserting into Eq. (17a) brings the latter into the form

$$S_n^{PP} = S_n^{(s)PP} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{\mu}_{nr}}{n - n_r - i \hat{\Gamma}_{nr} / 2} \quad (21a)$$

where

$$\hat{\mu}_{nr} = -\mu_{nr} / (dZ_L^{nr} / dn)_{n=n_r}, \quad (21b)$$

and where the width in the  $n$  - domain is

$$\hat{\Gamma}_{nr} = \Gamma_{nr} / (dZ_L^{nr} / dn)_{n=n_r}. \quad (21c)$$

Eq. (21a) is an expression which has "Regge" poles in the complex  $n$  - plane, located at

$$\hat{n}_r = n_r + i \hat{\Gamma}_{nr} / 2. \quad (21d)$$

They may be utilized for an evaluation of the scattering amplitude, Eq. (3a), in terms of the Watson transformation<sup>10,19</sup> with the result that the outgoing portion of the total  $P \rightarrow P$  scattering amplitude has the asymptotic form<sup>19</sup>

$$\Phi \rightarrow 2\pi \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\epsilon=\pm} \left( \frac{2}{\pi (\hat{n}_r + \frac{1}{2}) \sin \vartheta} \right)^{1/2} (2\hat{n}_r + 1) \hat{\Gamma}_{nr} \\ \times \exp i \left[ 2\xi_{\hat{n}_r}^{(s)} - \pi \hat{n}_r / 2 + (2m+1)\pi \hat{n}_r + \epsilon (\hat{n}_r + \frac{1}{2}) (\pi - \vartheta) - \epsilon \pi / 4 \right]. \quad (22)$$

This describes a manifold (labeled by  $r$ ) of attenuated circumferential "tidal" waves which engulf the spherical inclusion along all meridians ( $m = 0$ ), with additional components ( $m > 0$ ) that have previously circumnavigated the inclusion  $m$  times. The phase velocity of the  $r$ th surface wave is given by

$$c_r(z_L) = \frac{z_L c_L}{n_r + \frac{1}{2}}. \quad (23)$$

When the Regge pole of Eq. (21d), which with varying frequency moves through the complex  $n$  - plane along a "Regge trajectory", passes by the integer  $n$  so that  $n_r \rightarrow n$ , the wavelength of a surface wave,

$$\lambda_r(z_L) = 2\pi a / (n_r + \frac{1}{2}), \quad (24)$$

becomes  $2\pi a / (n + \frac{1}{2})$  so that  $n + \frac{1}{2}$  wavelengths span the circumference of the spherical inclusion. Since as seen from Eq. (22), the circumferential wave suffers a phase loss of  $\pi/2$  (i.e., a quarter wavelength) every time it passes through one of the convergence points  $\vartheta = 0, \pi$  at the north and south pole of the spherical inclusion, this condition leads to a perfect phase



match of the wave after each circumnavigation. The poles in the scattering amplitude, Eqs. (17a) or (21a), therefore describe a "resonant buildup" of the amplitude of the circumferential wave in the course of its repeated circumnavigations due to phase matching, which becomes physically manifest at the integer mode amplitudes, leading to the resonances shown, e.g., in Figs. 2 or 4. The families of resonances which in these figures are manifest in all partial-wave amplitudes and which recur at successively higher frequencies in successive partial waves, each thus correspond to, and represent, one single circumferential wave. In a sense, this physical picture (which applies generally to any type of smooth spherical scatterer), explains the existence of the scatterer's resonances in terms of a phase matching of the circumferential waves which its surface may support.

Using the resonance frequencies which appear in Figs. 2 and 4, (as well as in corresponding graphs for higher partial waves), we may obtain dispersion curves of the surface waves from Eq. (23). These are shown in Fig. 5 (for lucite in aluminum) and Fig. 6 (for iron in aluminum), where the quantity  $c_r/c_L$  is plotted vs.  $Z_L$  for all the surface waves labeled by  $r$ . From these dispersion curves, we see that the surface waves on an elastic spherical inclusion imbedded in an elastic medium fall into two classes (represented in Figs. 5 and 6 by solid and

dashed curves, respectively), which presumably correspond to longitudinal and shear type surface waves. The distinction between these two classes of curves, when producing the plots, has been greatly facilitated by the fact that in  $P \rightarrow P$  scattering (Figs. 2a and 4a) only one class of surface waves seems to have been excited, while in  $P \rightarrow S$  scattering (Figs. 2b and 4b), both are excited. For small values of  $Z_L$ , however, the distinction in the excitation mechanism, and hence in the dispersion curves, is no longer so clear-cut.

At the end, we would like to comment on the high-frequency (or large- $a$ ) limit of the dispersion curves,  $Z_L \rightarrow \infty$ . In this limit, the dispersion curves approach horizontal asymptotic values, while physically, the boundary of the inclusion tends towards the flat boundary between two infinite elastic half-spaces. In that latter case, the speed of surface waves on the boundary,  $c$ , satisfies the Stoneley equation<sup>20</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau^4 [(\rho - \rho_2)^2 + (\rho M_2 + \rho_2 M)(\rho N_2 + \rho_2 N)] \\ & + 2R \tau^2 (\rho M_2 N_2 - \rho_2 MN - \rho + \rho_2) \\ & + R^2 (MN - 1)(M_2 N_2 - 1) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$



where

$$M = (1 - \tau^2 / \tau_L^2)^{1/2}$$

$$M_2 = (1 - \tau^2 / \tau_L^2)^{1/2}$$

$$N = (1 - \tau^2 / \tau_S^2)^{1/2}$$

(25b)

$$N_2 = (1 - \tau^2 / \tau_S^2)^{1/2}$$

$$R = 2 (\rho \tau_S^2 - \rho_2 \tau_S^2).$$

We have solved this equation numerically, and have found a Stoneley root  $c/c_L = 0.504$  for the case of iron in aluminum; no root was found for the case of lucite in aluminum. (It is well-known<sup>20</sup> that Stoneley wave solutions do not always exist on the flat boundary between two elastic half-spaces).

In Fig. 5, we have entered two arrows on the right-hand side representing the values  $v_L/c_L = 0.4080$  and  $v_S/c_L = 0.2010$ . While many of the dispersion curves on this graph fall below  $v_L/c_L$  for large enough  $Z_L$ , the value  $v_S/c_L$  is found to represent a comfortable lower limit for even the lowest dispersion curve, up to the largest  $Z_L$ -value ( $Z_L = 25$ ) at which that dispersion curve was obtained; but this value was not yet large enough to decide whether  $v_S/c_L$  actually constitutes an asymptote for the dispersion curves.

In Fig. 6, we have entered three arrows representing the values (from top)  $v_L/c_L = 0.8815$ ,  $c/c_L = 0.504$  (the Stoneley wave solution), and  $v_S/c_L = 0.4720$ . While either of the two latter values seems to represent an asymptote to the dispersion curves on this figure, a plot of the lowest dispersion curve up to  $Z_L = 35$  reveals that at  $Z_L = 24$ , this curve falls below the value of  $c/c_L$ , but that the value of  $v_S/c_L$  represents a likely asymptote for the lowest dispersion curve. Since in this case of iron in aluminum, the higher dispersion curves lie considerably above the lowest one, no statements could be made about their asymptotics, except that several of them definitely fall below the value of  $v_L/c_L$  as  $Z_L$  increases.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

This work represents the first systematic study of resonance effects in the scattering of elastic (P) waves from solid spherical inclusions. The resonance approach is patterned after our previous resonance studies in acoustic scattering<sup>16</sup>, and in elastic-wave scattering from fluid-filled cavities<sup>9,10</sup>. Both in that latter case, and in the present case, the resonances are caused by the vibration of the substance filling the cavity, and they can be shown to originate from the phase-matching, or

resonant reinforcement, of repeatedly circumnavigating surface waves. But while in the case of a fluid-filled cavity only one type of surface wave has been found<sup>9,10</sup>, the present case of a solid inclusion is endowed with two different classes of surface waves, as evident from their dispersion curves which were obtained here. It is interesting to note that  $P \rightarrow P$  scattering (without mode conversion) only sets up one of these two classes of surface waves, while  $P \rightarrow S$  scattering (with mode conversion) excites both classes. The asymptotic behavior for high frequencies of the dispersion curves has been compared with the Stoneley wave limits for two half-spaces in contact, and it was found, at least for the case of an iron inclusion in aluminum, that the Stoneley wave speed does not represent an asymptote of the lowest dispersion curve while the shear speed of iron probably does. In the lucite-aluminum case, again the shear speed of Lucite probably represents the asymptote of some of the dispersion curves.

TABLE I

## Material Parameters Used

Material	density $\times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3$	Longitudinal speed $\times 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec}$	Shear speed $\times 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec}$
Aluminum	2.7	6.568	3.149
Iron	7.7	5.79	3.10
Lucite	1.182	2.68	1.38



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# FIGURE CAPTIONS

Fig. 1. Plot of (a)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PP}| / P_n(\cos \vartheta)$ , and (b)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PS}| / P_n^1(\cos \vartheta)$  vs.  $Z_L$  for the partial waves  $n = 0, 1$ , and  $2$ , case of a Lucite sphere in aluminum.

Fig. 2. Plot of (a)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PP} - f_n^{(s)PP}| / P_n(\cos \vartheta)$  and (b)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PS} - f_n^{(s)PS}| / P_n^1(\cos \vartheta)$  vs.  $Z_L$  (where  $f_n^{(s)}$  is the empty-cavity scattering amplitude) for the partial waves  $n = 0, 1$ , and  $2$ , case of a lucite sphere in aluminum.

Fig. 3. Plot of (a)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PP}| / P_n(\cos \vartheta)$ , and (b)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PS}| / P_n^1(\cos \vartheta)$  vs.  $Z_L$  for the partial waves  $n = 0, 1$ , and  $2$ , case of an iron sphere in aluminum.

Fig. 4. Plot of (a)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PP} - f_n^{(r)PP}| / P_n(\cos \vartheta)$  and (b)  $a^{-1/2} |f_n^{PS} - f_n^{(r)PS}| / P_n^1(\cos \vartheta)$  vs.  $Z_L$  (where  $f_n^{(r)}$  is the rigid-inclusion scattering amplitude) for the partial waves  $n = 0, 1$ , and  $2$ , case of an iron sphere in aluminum

Fig. 5. Dispersion curves for the two families of surface waves on a lucite sphere in aluminum. Arrows on the right represent the values  $v_L/c_L = 0.4080$  and  $v_g/c_L = 0.2010$ .

Fig. 6. Dispersion curves for the two families of surface waves on an iron sphere in aluminum. Arrows on the right represent the values  $v_L/c_L = 0.8815$ ,  $c/c_L = 0.504$  (the Stoneley wave speed), and  $v_S/c_L = 0.4720$



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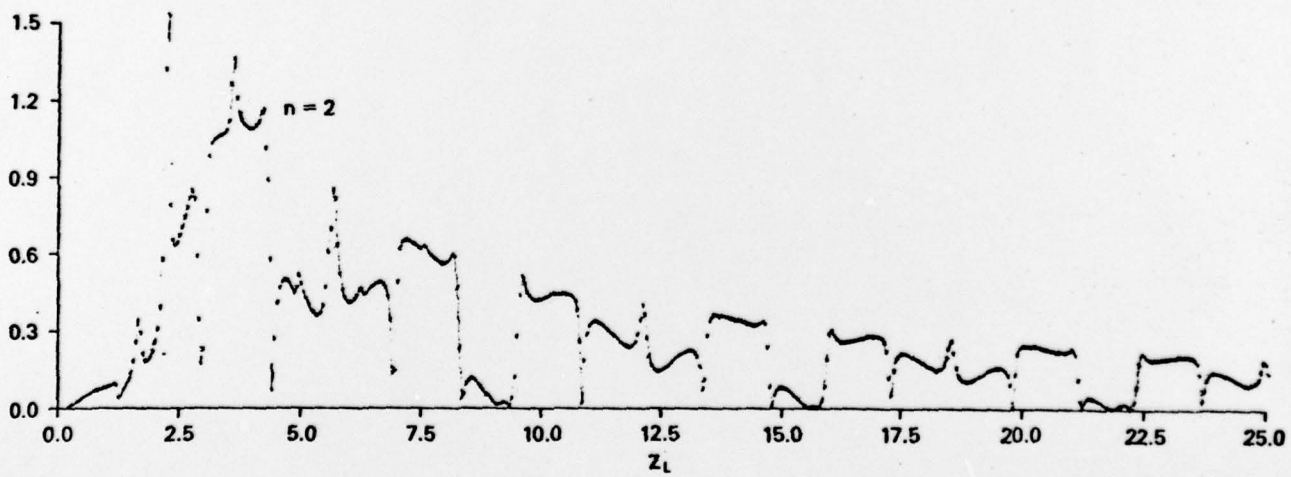
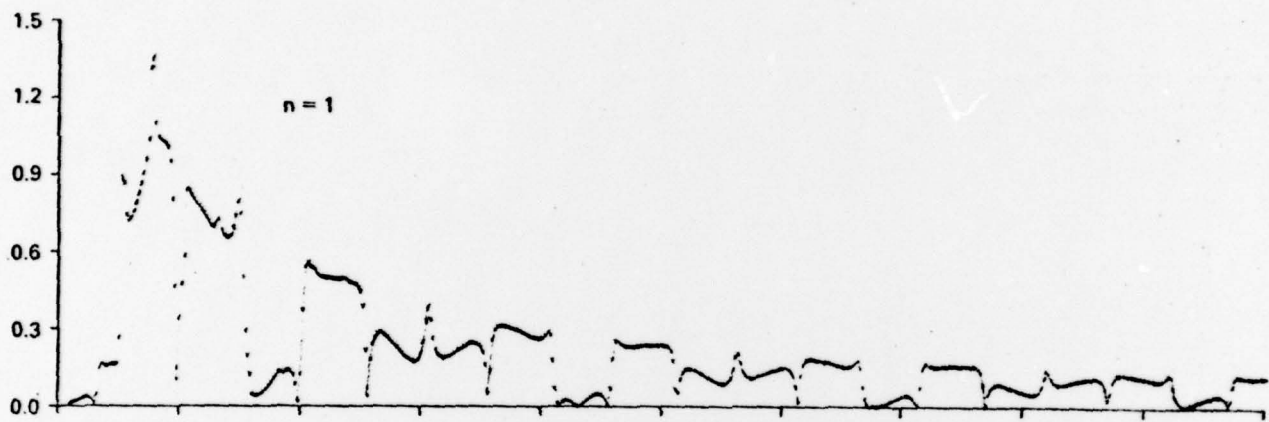
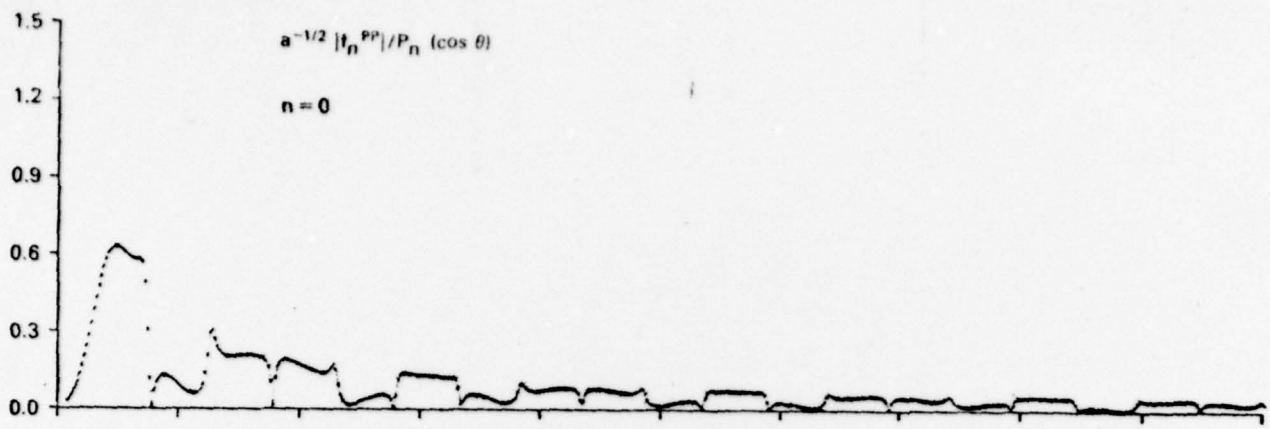


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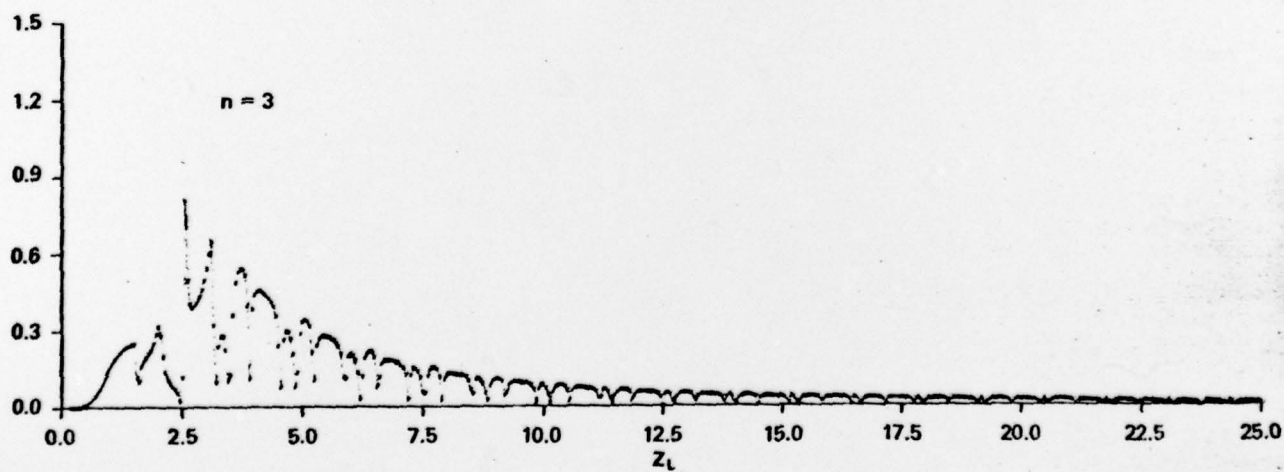
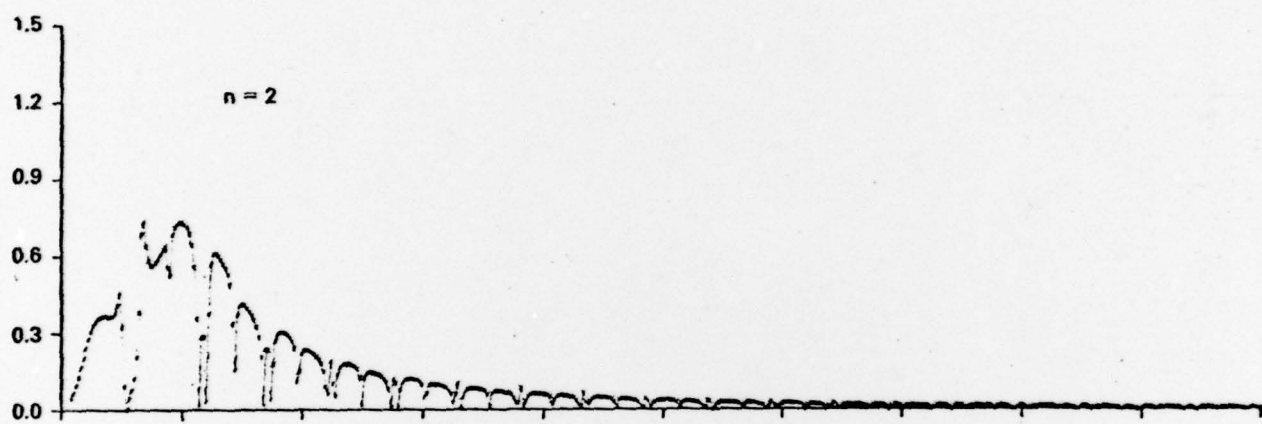
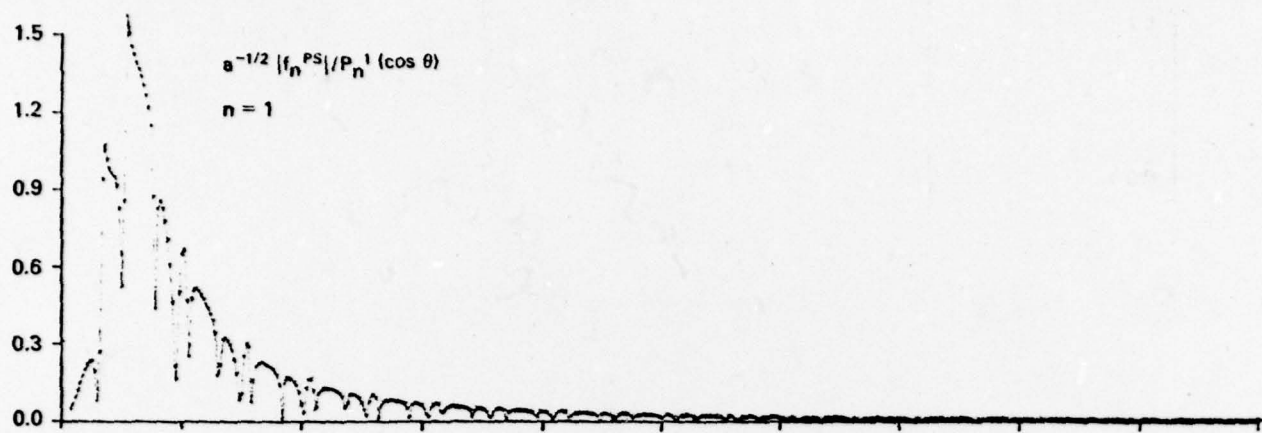


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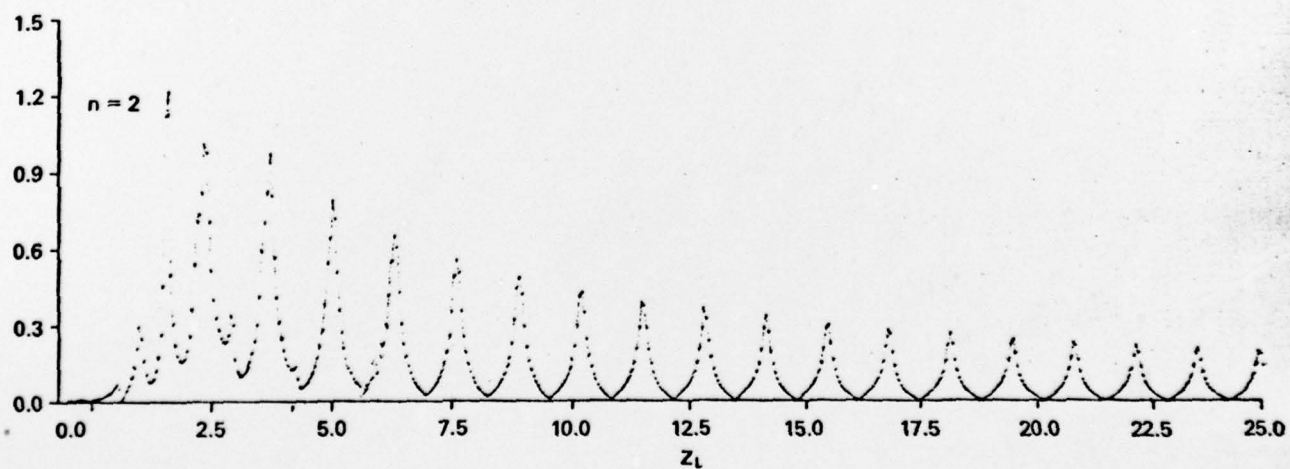
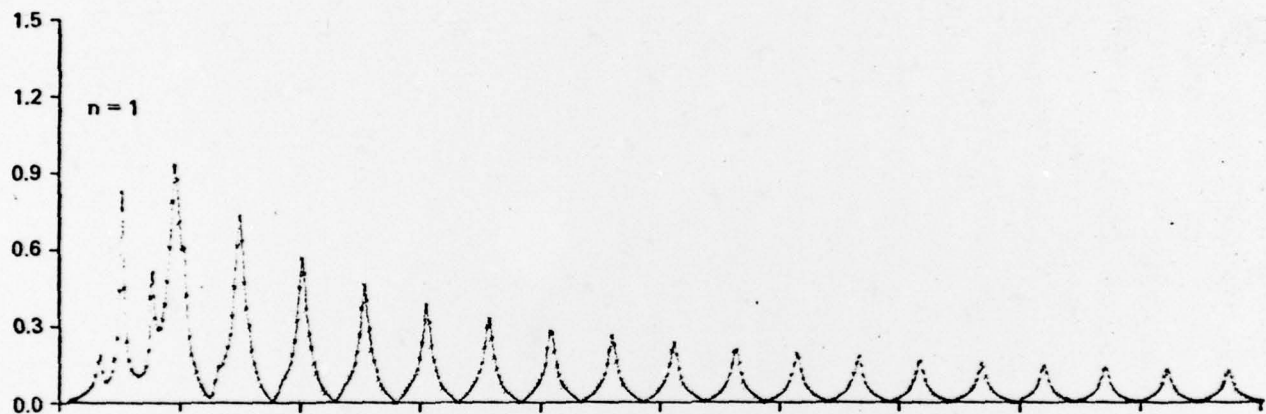
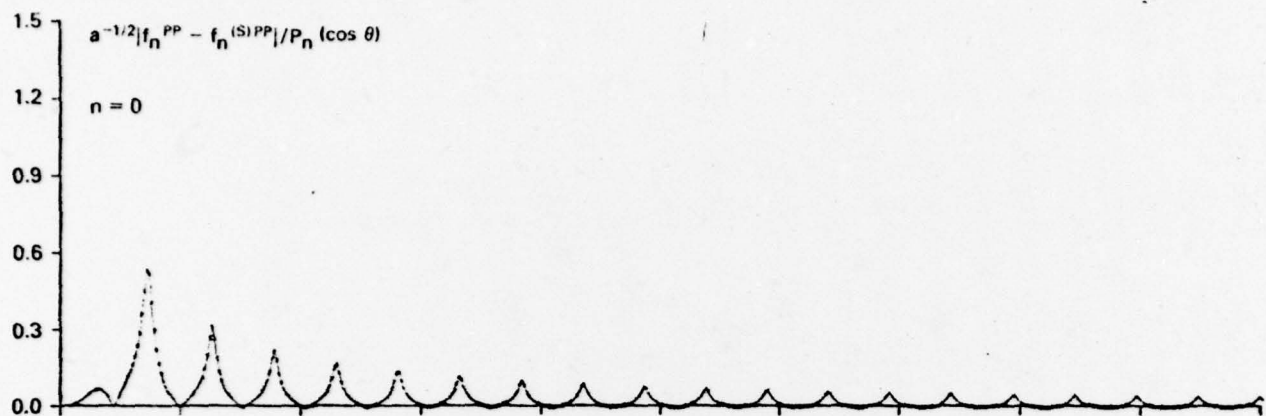


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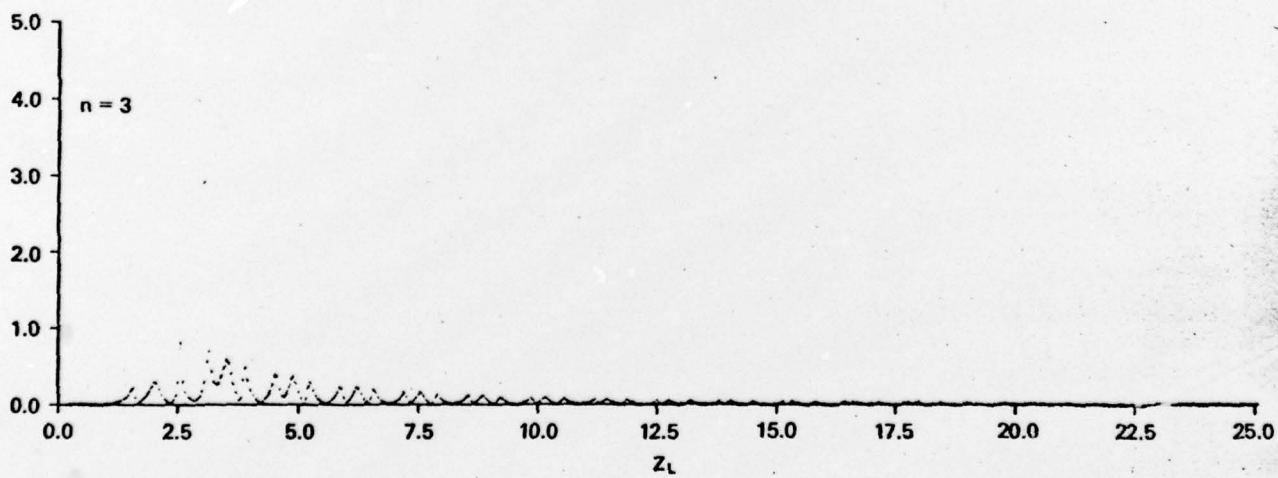
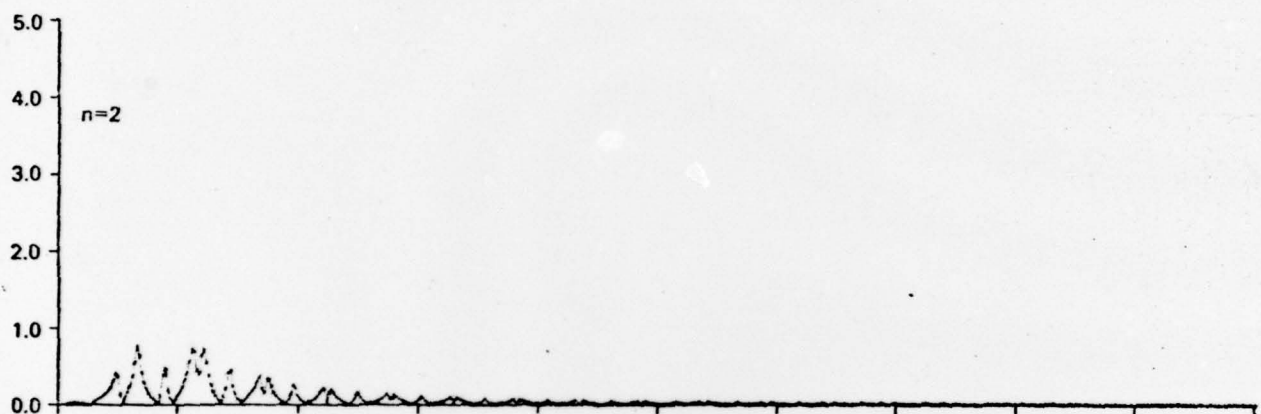
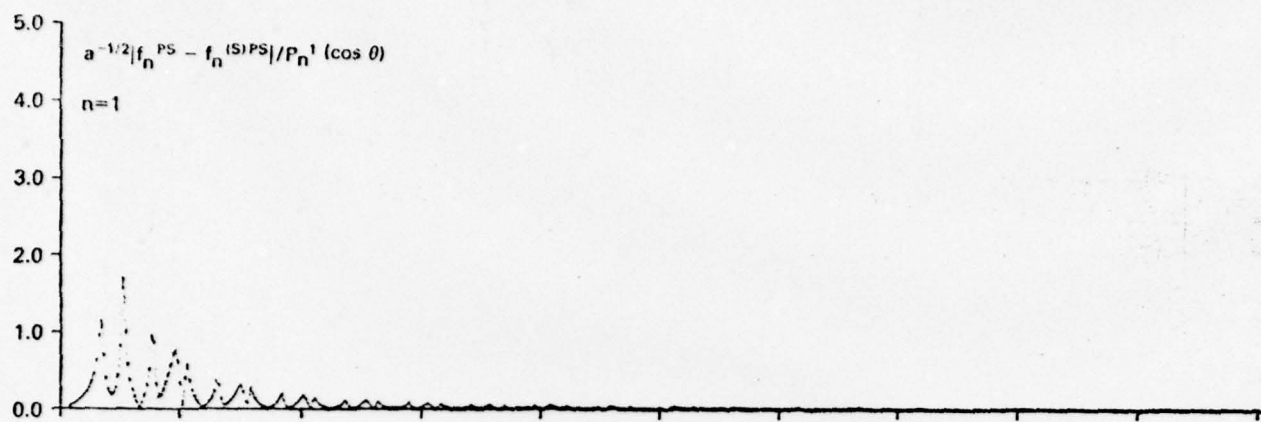




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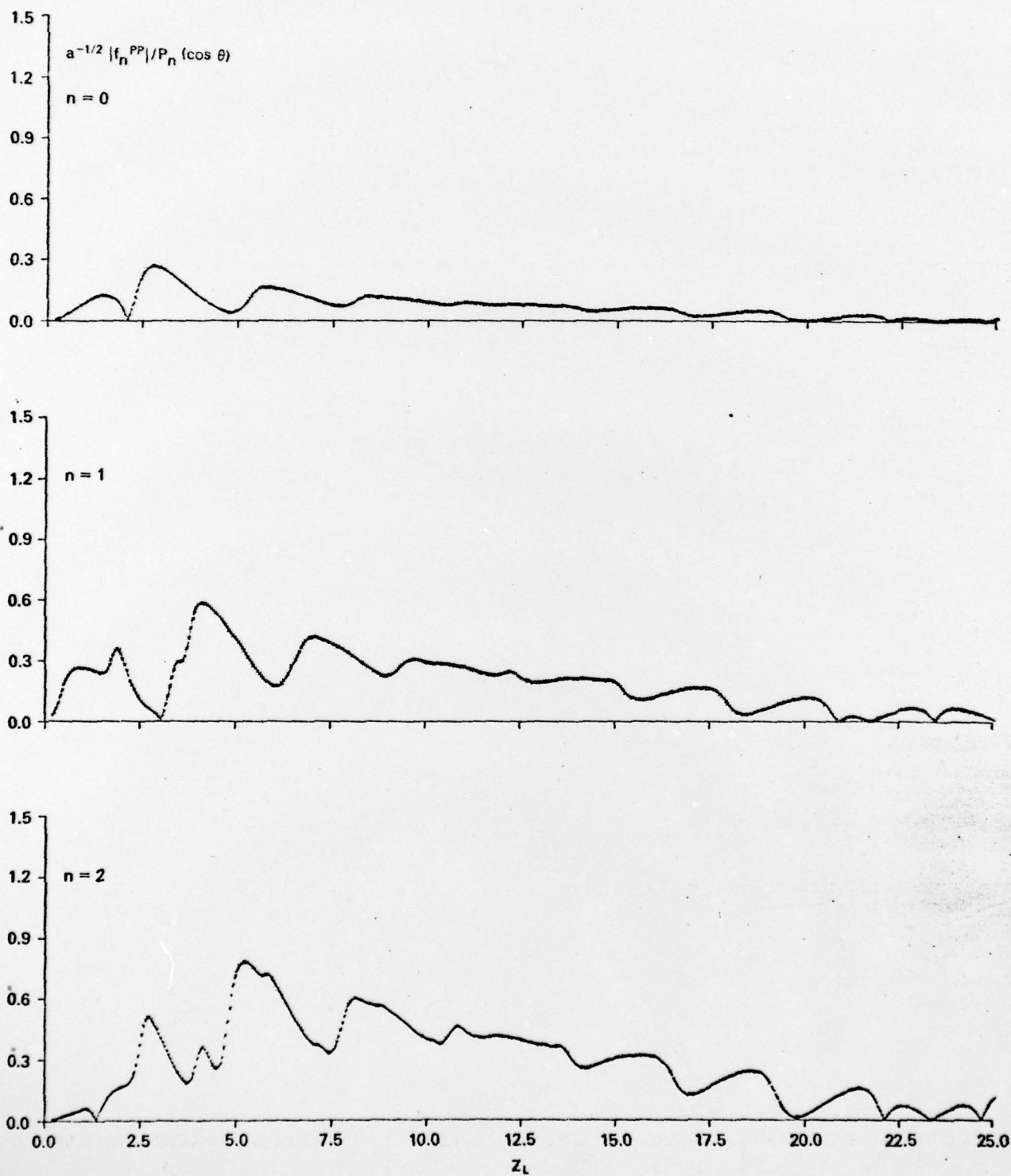


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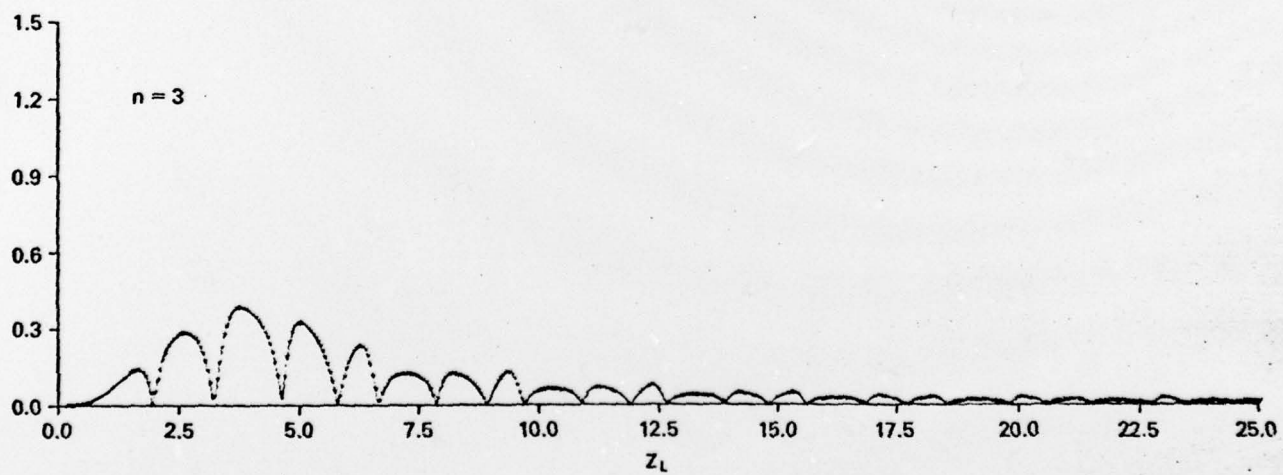
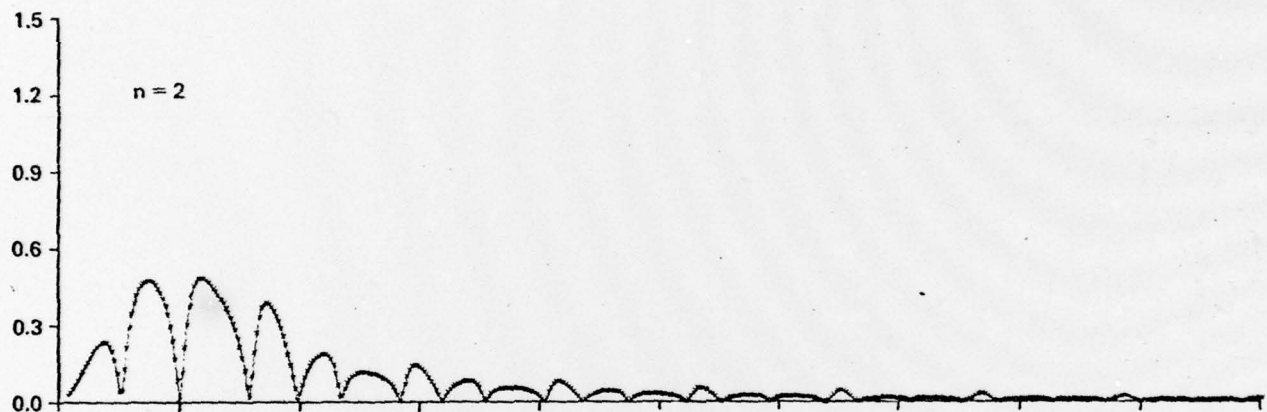
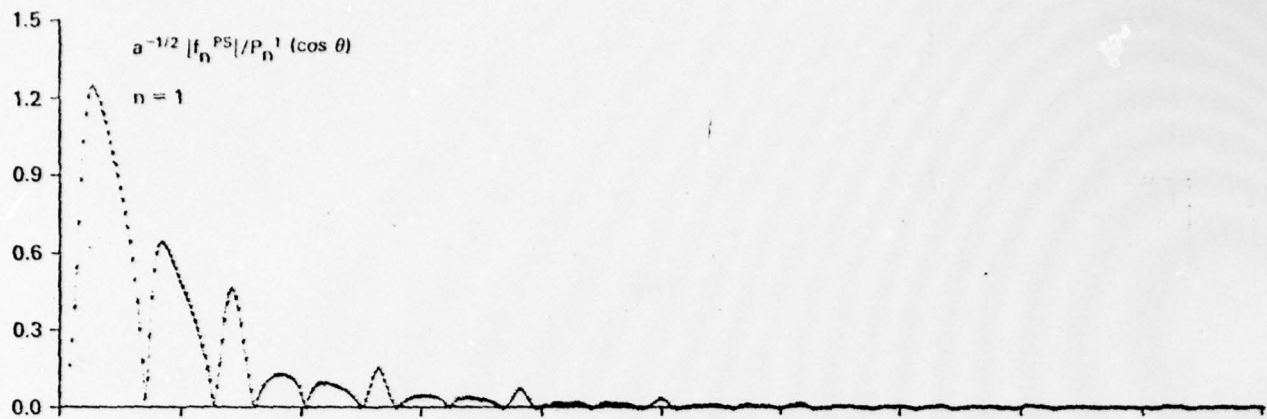


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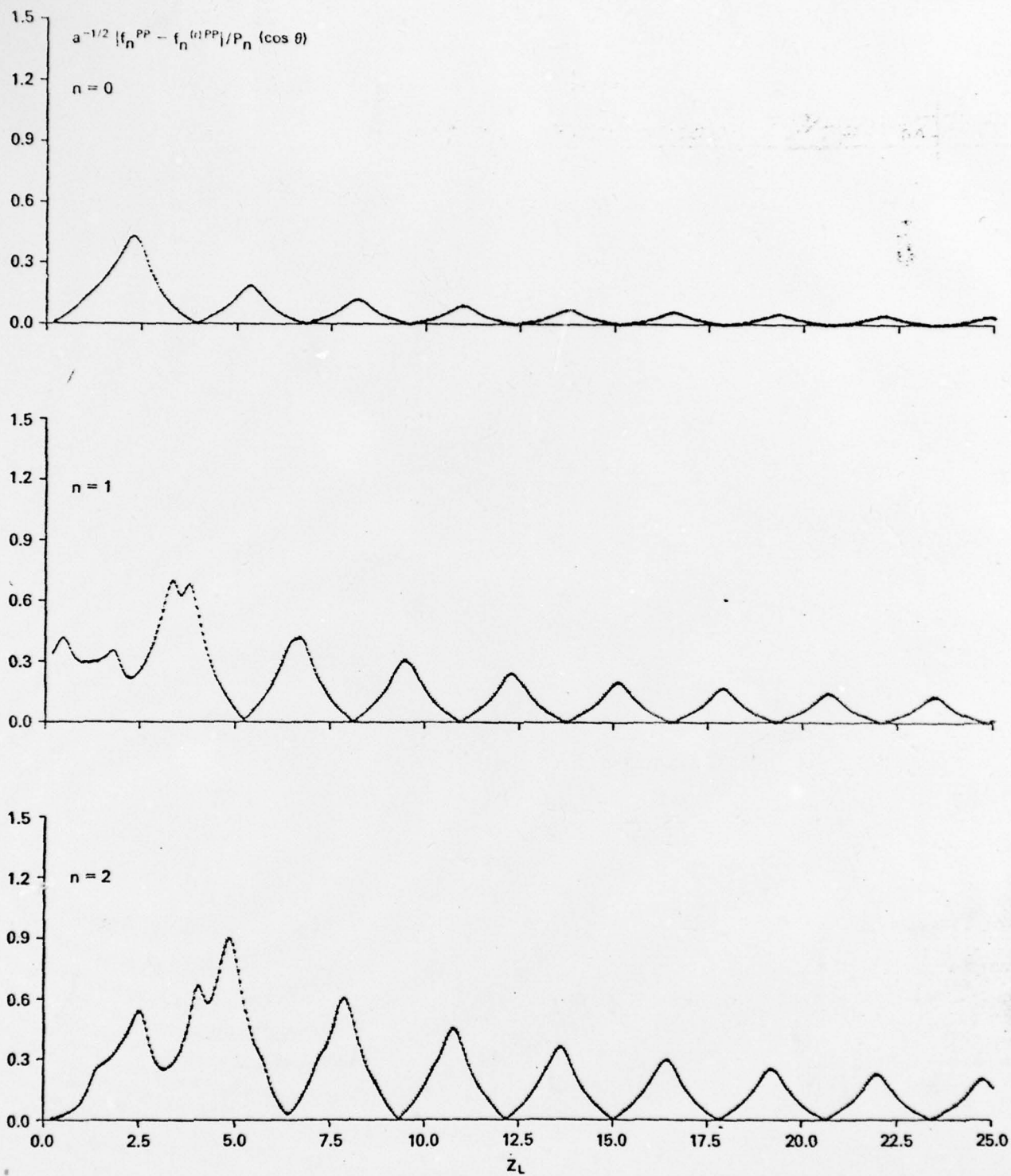


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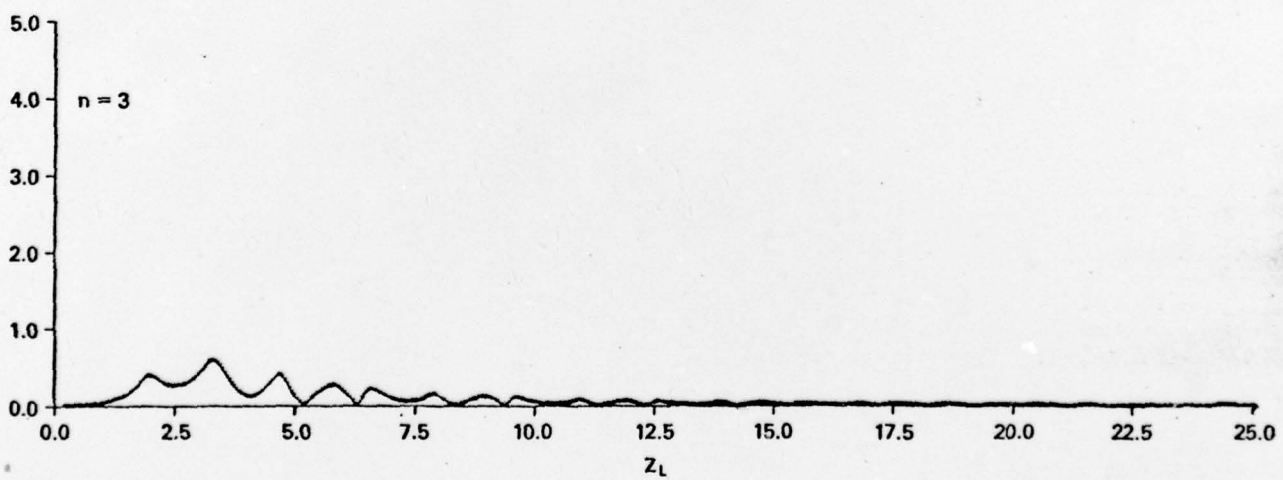
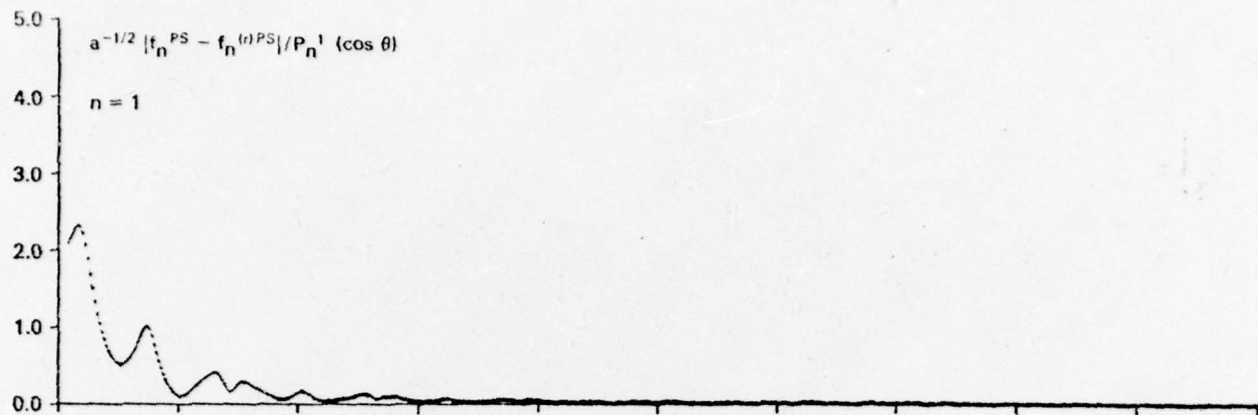




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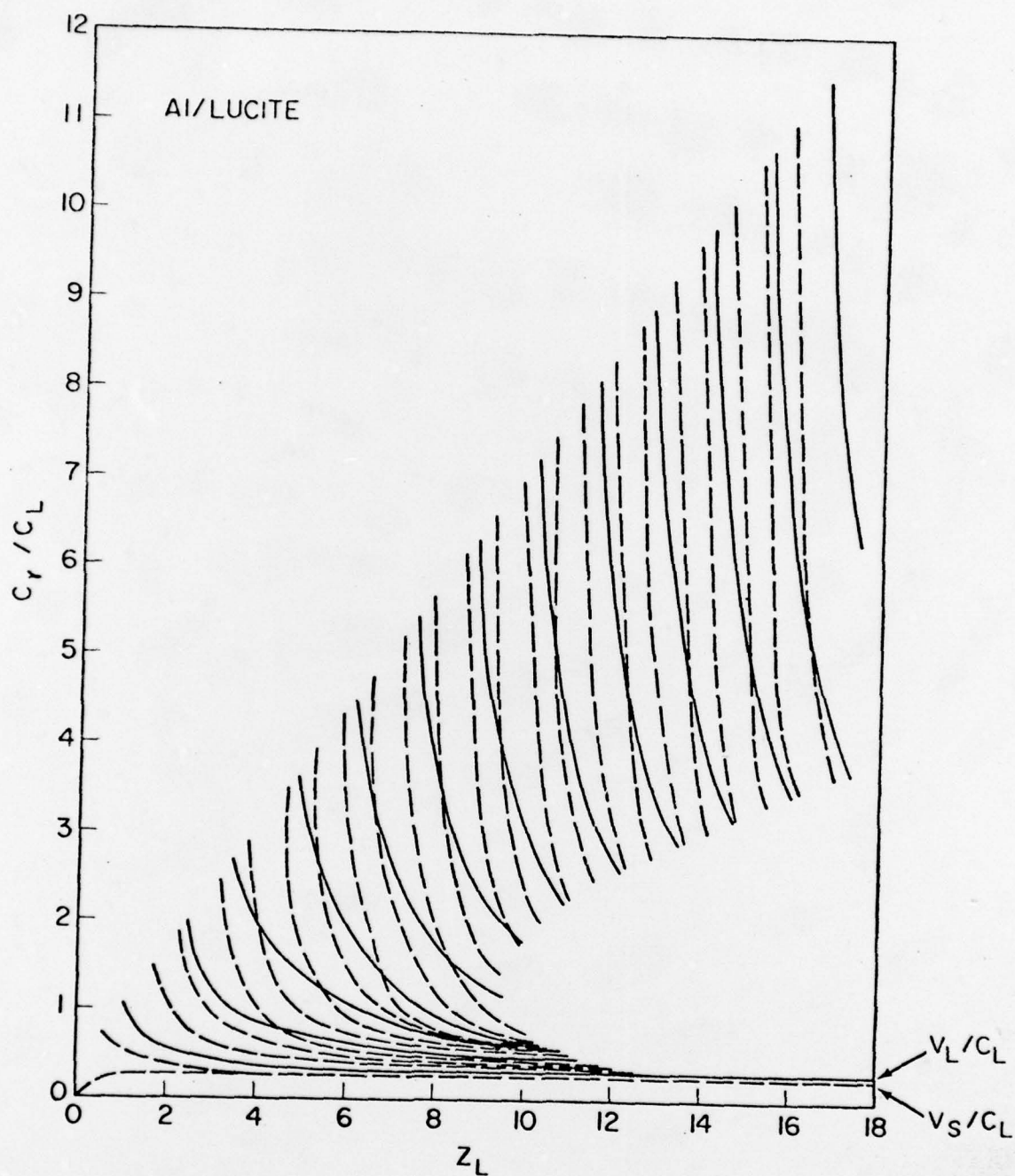


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